

NORTH PORTLAND BIBLE COLLEGE (NPBC)

Pastoral Roles and Responsibilities

CH 204 – 3 Credits

Independent Study

Spring 2018

April 2 – June 15, 2018

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will focus attention on the development and practice of pastoral leadership in the church and community. Specific topics will include reflection on personal calling to Christian leadership; understanding the requirements of leadership; spiritual formation of the pastor and its relation to the skills needed in pastoral leadership; communicating a biblical and contextual vision for church ministry; and appropriate pastoral authority.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

After completing this course, students will:

1. Articulate a biblical and personal understanding of Christian leadership, in contrast to common views of leadership in the culture.
2. Develop and describe a biblical understanding of the leadership expected of the pastor that can be applied in practice.
3. Identify pastoral leadership skills that enhance communication, ministry vision, and congregational involvement in ministry.
4. Identify and develop life disciplines that enhance spiritual growth, including ethical integrity in ministry.

METHODOLOGY:

Students will participate in an independent study-learning environment as designated by the course schedule. In addition, students will explore the above-mentioned objectives through required readings, written assignments and pastoral interviews.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

McIntosh, Gary L. *It Only Hurts on Monday*. Carol Stream: Church Smart, 1998. 173 pages.

Oden, Thomas C. *Pastoral Theology: Essentials of Ministry*. New York: Harper Collins, 1983. 384 pages.

Peterson, Eugene H. *Five Smooth Stones for Pastoral Work*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992. 251 pages.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES

Attendance:

Students are required to attend the orientation session. Electronically is the only method for submitting assignments. After the orientation session, email and/or telephone will be means of communication.

Assignments:

Text 1: *Pastoral Theology* (200 points)

Student will complete a reflection paper for each section of the text (5 x 40 points/ea.). The worksheets with questions for reflection will be on the course page on Populi. Each assignment will be 2 pages and is to be turned in according to the schedule below.

All reflections will be due by May 5, 2018.

Text 2: *Five Smooth Stones for Pastoral Work* (200 points)

Student will complete a minimum 1000-word, double-spaced book report following the NPBC writing guidelines. Report should consist of the following sections:

- What is the author's main thesis (idea)?
- Apply each of the author's five main areas of pastoral work to your current ministry or explain how you wish to apply it in the future.
- Comment on the author's concept of pastoral ministry in our culture today.

Report is due by May 31, 2018.

Text 3: *It Only Hurts on Monday* (200 points)

Student will complete a minimum 500-word, double-spaced book report following the NPBC writing guidelines. Report should consist of the following sections:

- What is the author's main thesis (idea)?
- How will you apply this information to your current ministry and what will you do to protect yourself in your future ministry?

Report is due by June 15, 2018.

Pastoral Interview (300 points)

Student will complete a minimum 1000 word, double-spaced interview/report following the NPBC writing guidelines. Interview may be with any full-time pastor who has served in ministry at least 10 years. Interview should include:

- How was the pastor called into ministry?
- What preparation did the pastor pursue?
- What has been the biggest challenged they faced and why?
- What has been the biggest joy in their ministry and why?
- What is one piece of advice they would pass on?

Due by June 15, 2018

Oral Interview (100 points)

Student will participate in an oral interview at end of course with instructor either on campus or electronically (TBD). Purpose will be to see how student has integrated the various material covered in the required readings.

NPBC Writing Standards:

All written work must be typed in the format designated by the college. Excessive errors such as grammar, punctuation, format, and spelling will affect your grade.

All written material submitted must be the original work of the student. Plagiarism is a violation of academic integrity and constitutes a serious breach of scholarship standards at North Portland Bible College. When quoting the work of an author or an author’s ideas are used in your paper, document, document, and document.

After the last day of the course, there will be no further extensions for work in the class, except for extenuating circumstances, such as family emergencies or medical reasons. Any request for an “INC” grade must be discussed with the professor prior to the last day of school. The professor must notify the office manager and provide copy of the work to be completed, or the grade of an “F” will be assigned.

GRADING: (A ten percent penalty will be accessed for late work)

Book 1 Reflections (5 x 40 pts)	(Due May 5)	200 points
Book 2 Report	(Due May 31)	200 points
Book 3 Report	(Due June 15)	200 points
Pastoral Interview	(Due June 15)	300 points
Oral Interview	(Due June 15)	100 points
Total		1000 points

GRADING SCALE (Percentage):

- 90 – 100 A
- 80 – 89 B
- 70 – 79 C
- 60 – 69 D
- 0 - 59 F

SCHEDULE

April 2 – orientation TBD

Independent Study:

- Book 1 Reflections (Due May 5)
- Book 2 Report (Due May 31)
- Book 3 Report (Due June 15)
- Pastoral Interview (Due June 15)
- Oral Interview (Due June 15)

Course Bibliography

Atkinson, David John, et.al. *New Dictionary of Christian Ethics & Pastoral Theology*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1995

Begg, Alistair, Derek Prime. *On Being a Pastor: Understanding our Calling and Work*. Chicago: Moody, 2004

Lartey, Emmanuel Y. *Pastoral Theology in an Intercultural World*. Eugene: Wilf and Stock, 2006

Purves, Andrew. *Pastoral Theology in the Classic Tradition*. Louisville: Westminster, 2001

Stowell, Joseph M. *Shepherding the Church: Effective Spiritual Leadership in a Changing Culture*. Chicago: Moody, 1997

Willimon, William. *Pastor: Revised Edition: The Theology and Practice of Ordained Ministry*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2002